

Pick Up America Walking for a Clean Future



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Pick Up America

- Our mission is to walk across the country, pick up trash and inspire a transition towards **zero-waste**.



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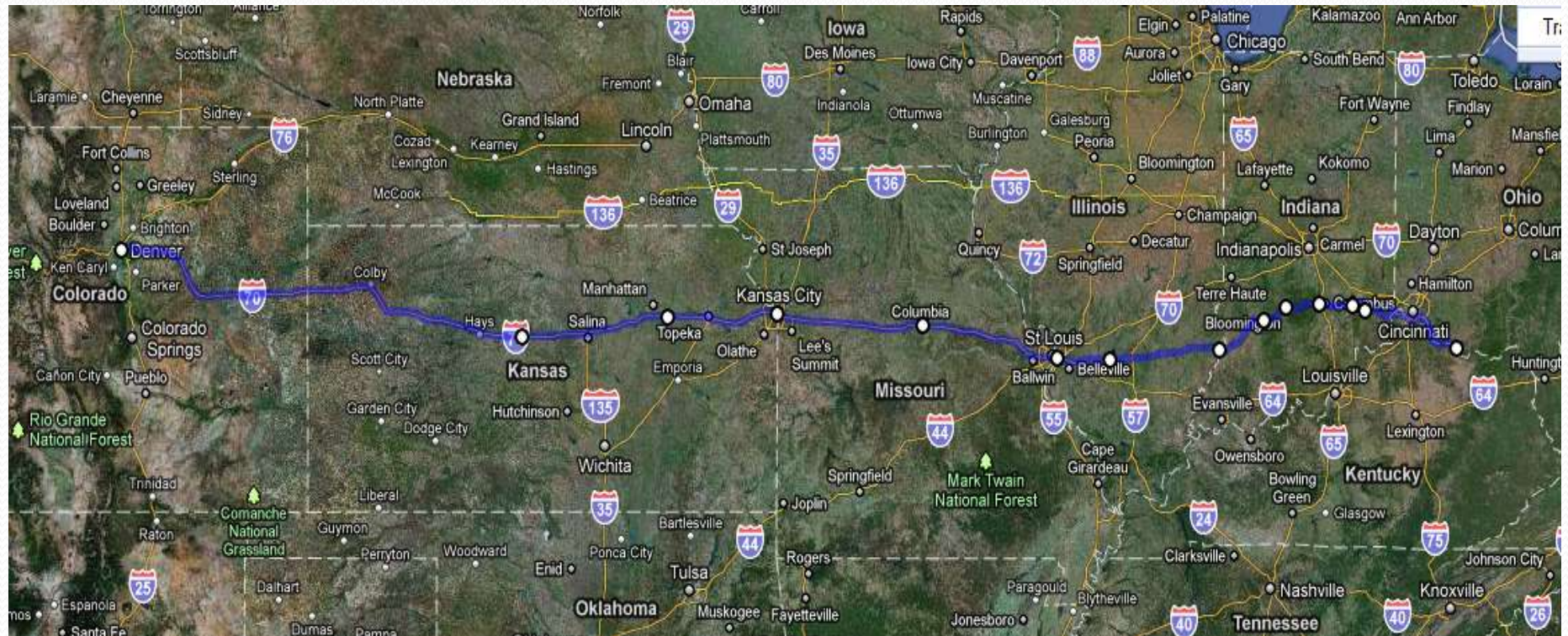


- As of **November 3rd, 2010** the *Pick Up Artists* and friends traveled **734.8 miles** and removed **73,224 pounds** of litter with **222 volunteers**. We've completed pick-ups in Maryland, Washington D.C., Virginia, West Virginia and Kentucky! Yesterday, we began our 2011 pick up in Ripley, Ohio. On average, we remove **99.6 pounds of litter per mile** we travel.

2010



2011

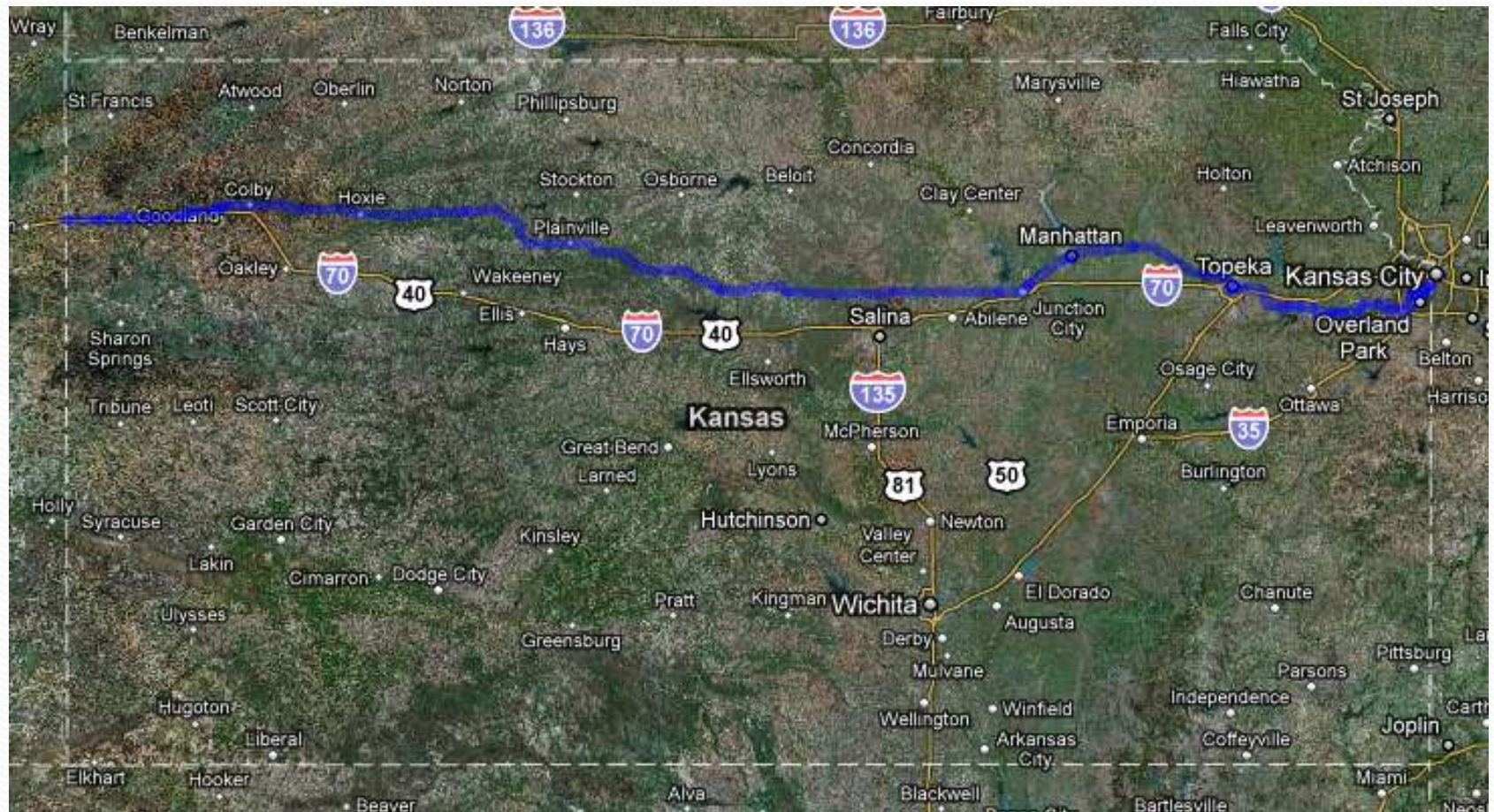


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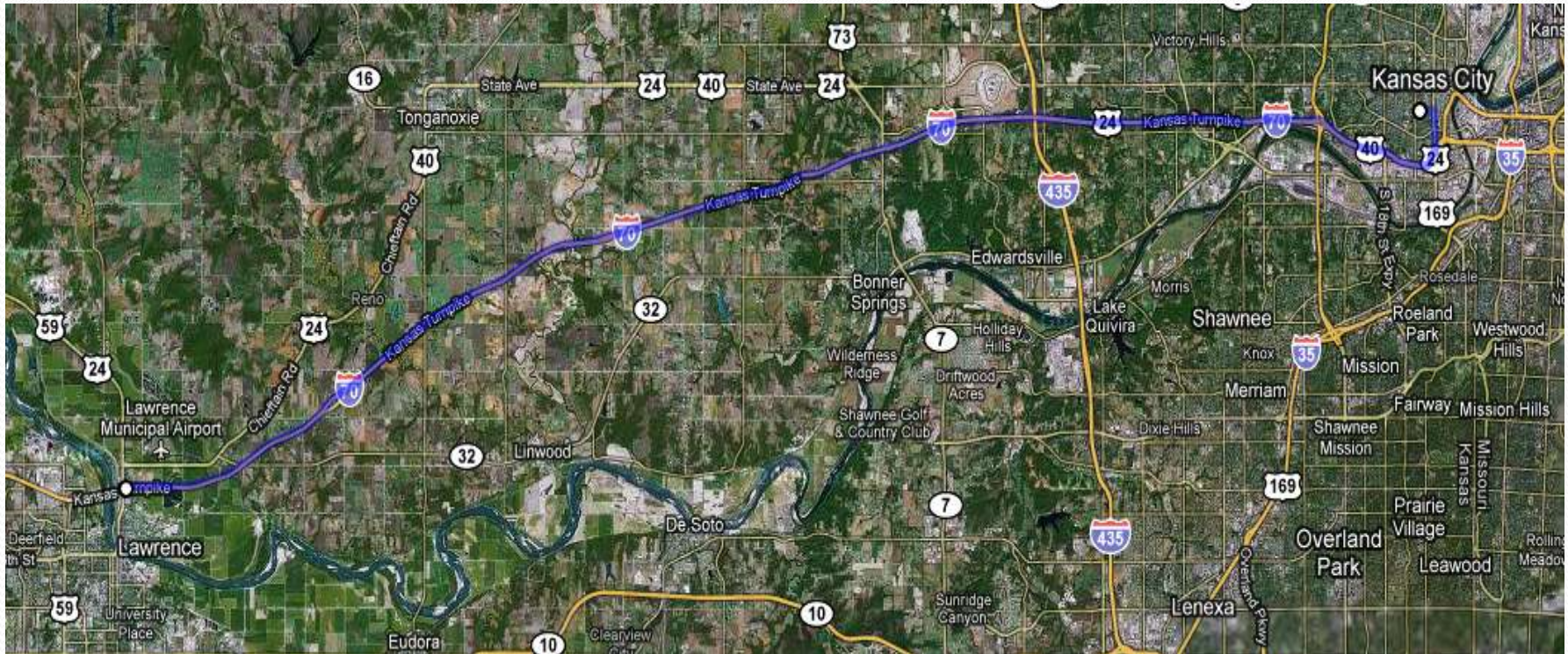
Kansas!

- We'll arrive at the beginning of September



A Dream for entering Kansas

-To complete a day long roadside clean up from
Kansas City to Lawrence



Pick Up America

- A non-profit organization founded in February of 2010 by Jeff Chen and myself.



Photo courtesy of Mike Lawson

2010 *Pick Up Artists*

- Davey Rogner, Kelly Klein, Kim Alexander, Jeff Chen



Photo by Jeff Chen

2011 *Pick Up Artists*



Davey Rogner

Lily Berman ->



Johnna Jackson



Greg Katski



Jeff Chen



Nikita Beniaminov



Mark Chavez

Pick Up America

- We've been in over 70 media outlets and have presented to over 4,000 students about zero-waste and Pick Up America.



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- In 2010 we traveled with our RV support vehicle Rosie. Most of the time we stay on people's couches or in the forest.



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- For 2011 we've bought a bus, converted it to run on waste fryer oil, built bunks for sleeping, and created a small living quarters.



Photo courtesy of Nik Beniaminov

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- We live and work on the road.



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- We document our journey through video, blog, webcasts, and photos. We post on our facebook , twitter , and website → PickUpAmerica.org



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- We see our journey as a catalyst to further sustainability, litter awareness, resource efficiency, zero waste, and watershed stewardship into the American paradigm.



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- We receive donations, offer corporate sponsorships, and sell various eco-friendly merchandise to support our mission.



Photo Courtesy of College Park Patch

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- We partner with State Highway Authority's to pick up our bagged trash from the road.
- We find local volunteers to collect our recyclables.



Photo Courtesy of Eric J. Lewis

Environmental Art Projects

- Recycle Mountain at the West Virginia State Capital



Photo Courtesy of Amy Dewan

Zero Waste Alliances

- We hope to inspire more grassroots alliances of citizens who want to increase resource efficiency and decrease consumption.



Photo Courtesy of Davey Rogner



Photo courtesy of Kim Alexander

America is Trashy!

- In Silver Spring, MD, my home town .



Courtesy of Elliot Rule

TRASHNASTY!

- Near Montgomery, West Virginia



Photo By Jeff Chen

Caught in the Styes of America

- Near Ashland, Kentucky



Photo Courtesy of Paul Zinc

Stream Clean Ups!

In Baltimore, MD



Photo Courtesy of Davey Rogner

Piles and Piles!!

- Near Alderson, West Virginia



Photo Courtesy of Davey Rogner

The Floodplain is not a Dump!

- In Hyattsville, MD near my home.



Photo Courtesy of Andres Lobo

On a “Ton Day”

- Near Alderson, West Virginia



Photo Courtesy of Davey Rogner

Tires Are Everywhere!!

- Near Afton Mountain, Virginia



Photo Courtesy of Davey Rogner

More Tires!!

- Near Manchester, OH



The Unfriendly Road



All photos courtesy of Davey Rogner

The Friendly Road



The Friendly Road



The Friendly Road



Zero-Waste

- Finding a maximum efficiency of resources in society to eliminate pollution.

Zero Waste, a visionary goal that strives for:

- Zero Waste of resources
 - 100% Efficiency of energy, materials and human resources
- Zero Solid Waste
- Zero Hazardous Waste
- Zero Emissions – to air, water, or soil
- Zero Waste in Production Activities
- Zero Waste in Administrative Activities
- Zero Waste in Product Life Cycle
- Zero Toxics



Resulting in:

- Reduced risks to employees
- Reduced risks to the environment
- Reduced presence of toxics creates less hazardous waste
- Closed loops for materials
- Reduced costs

Courtesy of Zero-Waste Alliance

Cultural Sustainability

- The average American sees 3,000 advertisements a day.*
- Happiness has declined 50% since the 1950's when America became a consumer driven culture.



Courtesy of Instant Store



Courtesy of Yellow Page City

Plastic in the Ocean

- Estimates of plastic to plankton: 40:1
- Oceanic Trash Gyres



Watershed Stewardship

“Only by working within the laws that govern the flow of water will happiness be achieved” – Lao Tzu



Photo Courtesy of Rich Rogner

Pickin' Up Trash

- A song written by our friend Allison Chang
- <http://www.pickupamerica.org/videos>



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Pick Up America well, we don't really see it as a tax. if you don't use a plastic bag, then you don't need to pay 5 cents. so it's more of an opt-in kind of thing, where as a tax would be for everyone to have to pay regardless of using a plastic bag or not...
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Pick Up America The revenue in Maryland will go to fund watershed education and restoration projects across the state to be distributed through the Chesapeake Bay Trust. The truth is everywhere, including the entire nation of Ireland, that has implemented this policy, the citizens have adjusted, began REUSING with cloth bags and enjoyed that their communities were not littered

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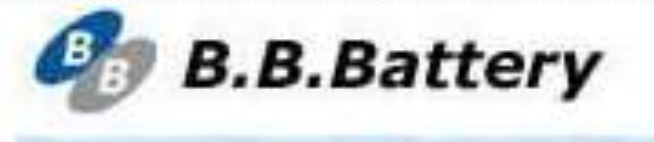
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- We look forward to traversing your great state of Kansas and working with you to beautify your roads, streams and plains.
- Please come talk to me to at my table today or tomorrow!



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